GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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VACANT POSTS OF PROGRAMMERS
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts of programmers are lying vacant in the National Network of the AIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to fill up these posts;

(d) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard; and

(e) whether due to these vacancies functioning of the vast network of AIR has been affected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The following number of Programme posts are lying vacant in All India Radio:

1. Senior Administrative Grade	-	16
2. Junior Administrative Grade	-	52
3. Senior Time Scale	-	100
4. Junior Time Scale	-	106
5. Programme Executive	-	198
6. Transmission Executive	-	736

(c) & (d) : These vacancies could not be filled up due to the following reasons:-

(i) As an austerity measure, a ban has been imposed on filling up of vacant posts and there are also instructions to the effect that if a post has been lying vacant for more than one year, the same shall be deemed to have been abolished;

(ii) After establishment of Prasar Bharati, UPSC have dissociated itself fromconducting DPCs/Recruitments for the posts in Prasar Bharati and time is required to bring in place the new arrangements for managing the Prasar Bharati establishment.

(e) : No Sir. Activities in All India Radio are presently being maintained by redeploying the staff, wherever necessary.